



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

For: MULTILAYER STENT

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) Group Art Unit: 3731
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) Examiner: Uyen T. Ho
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) Confirmation No.: 4067
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Sir:

In reply to the Office Action mailed August 31, 2005, please consider the following remarks and amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2.

Remarks begin on page 6.